

# Pantry Happenings Newsletter

To engage our community in feeding and clothing our neighbors

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*“The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life.”*

- Jane Adams

## **Clothing News**

Have you seen how many kid's coats we have? It is great to be able to have coats and warm clothes available to families this time of year. Lisa P, Gretel B, and a number of other volunteers have been working hard to keep the clothing sorted and stocked. If you see a bin that is empty or getting low, please call Lisa at 626-3437 and let her know. Chances are good that she will have things to fill the bin stored at her house or someone else's.

Several people have asked about how important it is for us to have clothing. Here is just one example of what it means to families to be able to come to us when they need clothes: A man was referred to us, because his last pair of jeans had torn. We had just gotten a couple of boxes of jeans and were able to give him 3 pairs. He not only thanked us, he cried. When men cry over something you know it is really important!

## **Food Storage Off-site**

We now have a local retailer who is letting us store food in their building, and we are thrilled to have a place to put our overflow! If you see that we are getting low on something, please let Jon M. or Lori L. know, in case we have more in storage.

## **New Organization**

Our board of directors is meeting monthly and is making some needed changes to parts of the pantry organization. Our team structure will change to a committee structure with the following committees identified so far:

Operations Committee (the old Operations team plus inventory)  
Volunteer Support Committee (the old Volunteer Support team)  
Fundraising Committee  
Marketing Committee

The committees will be led by board members, but each will need more volunteers to help. We will be giving you more details in upcoming newsletters on what each of these committees will be doing and asking you if you would like to be part of one of them. Please let us know if you have an interest.

## **Volunteer Survey**

Each year we ask you to give us feedback on your experience being a volunteer in the pantry. This year's survey will be coming to you in the mail in mid-February. Please watch for it and fill it out for us, so we can know how to make your volunteer experience better.

## **Help Wanted**

"Publicity assistant" Someone to write short items for the church newsletters. Time commitment: about 1 hour a week.

## **Up-coming Meetings/Trainings**

02/01/07 – (6:00 pm) Operations Committee  
02/12/07 – (7:00 pm) Volunteer Support Committee  
02/20/07 – (6:45pm) Board Meeting  
02/27/07 – (6:30-8:00pm) – New Volunteer Orientation  
03/20/07 – (6:45pm) Board Meeting  
03/28/07 – (6:30-8:00pm) – New Volunteer Orientation

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